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**Salient Issues
for the Regional Administrator and Deputy Regional Administrator
Water Protection Division
March 6, 2018**

DC Water to Open 121-Million-Gallon Anacostia River Tunnel – DC Water notified EPA it plans to discontinue use of the combined sewer overflow (CSO) structures in anticipation of opening the Anacostia River Tunnel on or before March 23, 2018. The tunnel is an EPA Consent Decree requirement that cost DC Water \$1.24 billion. This segment of the tunnel will run from RFK Stadium to the Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant and will protect the public from chronic sewer flooding that has plagued many areas of the District since the early 1900's. The tunnel is part of the Clean Rivers Project that will install "diversion facilities" at strategic locations to capture untreated sewage and rainwater and divert it to a 157-million-gallon tunnel system where it will be stored and conveyed to Blue Plains. Ultimately, the Clean Rivers

Project will reduce CSOs annually by 96 percent throughout the system and by 98 percent for the Anacostia River. **Steve Maslowski, 215-814-2371; David McGuigan, 215-814-2158**

Regional Administrator Ag Roundtable on Lancaster County Farm – On March 12, Regional Administrator Cosmo Servidio will host an Agriculture Roundtable with Pennsylvania farmers at a No Till Alliance Town Hall Meeting on Jim Hershey’s farm in Elizabethtown, PA. During this hour-long dialogue, Pennsylvania farmers will share with EPA what’s on their minds, ask questions about EPA’s programs and policies, and discuss the successes and challenges of producing food for the community and achieving clean local waters. This roundtable is one in a series of discussions hosted by EPA to discuss the Agency’s priorities, further open the lines of communication, and find ways to work effectively with the agricultural community. **Kelly Shenk, 410-267-5728**

Regional Administrator Meeting with PA Farm Bureau Leadership – On March 12, Regional Administrator Cosmo Servidio will meet with Pennsylvania Farm Bureau president, vice president, chief administrative officer, and government affairs director in Camp Hill, PA, to discuss EPA’s priorities related to agriculture, further open the lines of communication, and discuss ways to effectively work together and with the agricultural community to make progress in the Chesapeake Bay restoration. **Kelly Shenk, 410-267-5728**

District's Draft 2018 Integrated Report Released for Public Comment – On February 16, 2018, the District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) released its draft 2018 Integrated Report, which includes the District's Section 303(d) list of impaired waters. The Clean Water Act requires states to submit a list of impaired waters to EPA on every even numbered year. For each listed water, the state must establish Total Maximum Daily Loads to meet water quality standards. The [draft report](#) is available for public comment from February 16 to March 19, 2018. **Micka Peck, 215-814-5192; Bill Richardson, 215-814-5675**

Maryland Releases Draft 2018 Integrated Report for Public Comment – On February 16, 2018, the Maryland Department of the Environment released its draft 2018 Integrated Report for a 30-day public review and comment period. The bi-annual Integrated Report combines water quality reports required under Sections 305(b), 314, and 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and presents the water quality and impairment status of Maryland’s lakes, rivers, and streams. The Integrated Report contains Maryland’s 303(d) list of impaired waters, which is reviewed and approved/disapproved by EPA. During the 2018 cycle, 12 waterbodies were added to the list of impaired waters for specified pollutants and 15 waterbodies were removed due to evidence of water quality attainment. Notably, the report presents the most comprehensive dataset ever assembled for the Lower Susquehanna River in Maryland. **Jillian Adair, 215-814-5713**

Mountaire Farms Drinking Water Issue Among Topics at Delaware Center for the Inland Bays (CIB) Board Meeting – The Delaware Center for the Inland Bays held its first quarterly executive level board of directors meeting of 2018 on March 2. EPA Region 3, the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), the Delaware Department of Agriculture, the Sussex County Conservation District and the Delaware Senate were represented at the meeting. The agenda included presentations on the CIB Finance Plan, the CIB 2018 strategic planning process, and a draft report on the findings and recommendations of the “Mountaire Pollution” ad hoc subcommittee. To the extent possible given the sensitive nature of enforcement matters, EPA and DNREC discussed the recommendations in the ad hoc subcommittee’s draft report and agreed to revisit the draft Center recommendations at the next board meeting. **Michael Hoffmann, 215-814-2716**

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

March 6-7, 2018
Mid-Atlantic Source Water Protection Leadership Forum

EPA Region 3, Philadelphia, PA

Beth Garcia, 215-814-5243; Meg Keegan, 215-814-5494; Cathy Magliocchetti, 215-814-2174

March 8, 2018

Leadership for a Cleaner Anacostia Steering Committee Meeting

Washington DC.

Michelle Price-Fay, 215-814-3397

March 13

Regional Administrator Meeting with PA State Conservation Commission

EPA Regional Administrator Cosmo Servidio will meet the PA State Conservation Commission to discuss EPA priorities for agriculture, engage in dialogue, and discuss specific items relating to state agency coordination and cooperation for the Chesapeake Bay restoration work.

Harrisburg, PA

Kelly Shenk, 410-267-5728

March 19, 2018

Anacostia Urban Water Federal Partners Meeting

Washington DC.

Michelle Price-Fay, 215-814-3397; Catherine King, 215-814-2657

March 20-21, 2018

Teach 2 courses:

Beyond Compliance to Nutrient Removal Optimization (3 hrs.)

3 Hour Energy: The Math Behind the Savings (3 hrs.)

Pennsylvania Rural Water Annual Conference

State College, PA

Walter Higgins, 215-814-5476

March 27, 2018

Trash Free Water Summit

Baltimore, MD

Kelly Somers, 215-814-2719

March 28, 2018,

Baltimore Urban Waters Meeting

Baltimore MD

Samantha Rachko, 215-814-2766

UPCOMING DECISIONS:

Delaware Nutrient Management Compliance Strategy: As requested by the Regional Administrator, the Delaware Department of Agriculture (DDA) submitted the Delaware Nutrient Management Compliance Strategy to EPA on February 27, 2018. DDA plans to present the strategy to the Delaware Nutrient Management Commission for its final approval on March 6. Kelly Shenk and Dianne McNally are coordinating a review of the strategy with the Water Protection Division and the Chesapeake Bay Program Office and will brief the Regional Administrator on the March 16 bi-weekly call and discuss next steps. **Kelly Shenk, 410-267-5728**

Redelegation of Authority of the Drinking Water Program Direct Implementation in the District of Columbia – A re-delegation of authorities from the Water Protection Division Director to managers in the drinking water program is currently in concurrence, passing through Office of Regional Counsel. Having first line managers involved in the day-to-day implementation of this program increases efficiencies in our operations. The National Primary Drinking Water Regulations at 40 CFR, Part 141 establish requirements applicable to public water systems, assigning duties to the Regional Administrator for those states that do not have primacy for the Public Water System Supervision Program. In Region 3, this is the District of Columbia. **Patti Kay Wisniewski, 215-814-5668**